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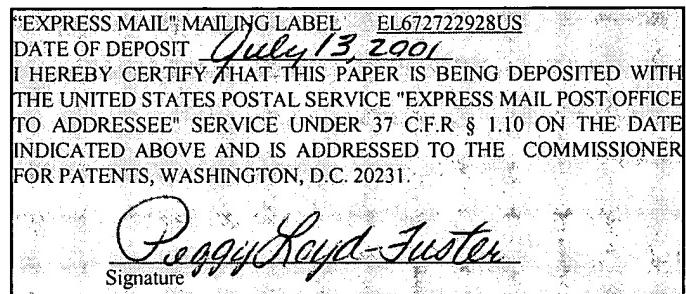
For: METAL LOCAL INTERCONNECT SELF-ALIGNED
SOURCE FLASH CELL

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:



In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists.

The following references are submitted for the Examiner's review:

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As this information is being submitted within three months of the date of filing of the application, Applicant understands that no fee or certification is required for the submission and consideration of this information at this time.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

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A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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